SHARED PRIORITIES FRAMEWORK

between

the Province of British Columbia (the Province) *and* Members of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations

This framework establishes a shared path for advancing the implementation of modern treaties in British Columbia.

Modern treaties provide a blueprint for reconciliation and a foundation for government-to-government relationships based on mutual respect and established rights.

The modern treaty nations in British Columbia are Nisga'a Nation, Tsawwassen First Nation, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations, Toquaht Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, Yuułu?ił?atḥ (Ucluelet First Nation), and Tla'amin Nation. Together these modern treaty nations form the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations (the "Alliance").

The Province and the Alliance have a shared vision to ensure that:

- *Modern treaties are recognized, observed, and enforced;*
- *Modern treaty nations and the Province are resourced for a whole of government approach to timely and effective treaty implementation;*
- *The Province's relationships with modern treaty nations are distinct and reflect their established rights; and*
- *The Province's relationships with modern treaty nations are dynamic and evolve and improve over time.*

Our Shared Priorities:

The Province and modern treaty nations, working through the Alliance, agree to work collaboratively on the following shared priorities:

ESTABLISH fiscal arrangements to fulfil treaty rights and obligations that ensure:

- *Modern treaty nations are appropriately resourced to fully implement their Treaties;*
- *The Province's fiscal mechanisms reflect the jurisdiction and autonomy of modern treaty nation governments and the tripartite nature of treaties; and,*
- *Modern treaty nations can meaningfully participate in the development of new fiscal policies and programs.*

ESTABLISH meaningful participation of modern treaty nations in the Province's legislative and policy initiatives to ensure:

- *Early consideration of modern treaty rights in the development of policy and legislation so that modern treaty rights are recognized, observed and enforced;*
- *The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act is implemented in a manner consistent with distinct modern treaty rights; and,*
- *Effective communication and engagement mechanisms that facilitate co-development and implementation of policy and legislation.*

ESTABLISH organizational and policy changes in the provincial public service to advance a whole of government approach to treaty implementation which will ensure:

- *Provincial accountability and oversight to uphold modern treaty rights to ensure timely, effective and appropriately resourced treaty implementation;*
- *Provincial staff and elected officials understand and enforce treaty rights and obligations and uphold the government-to-government relationship between the Province and modern treaty nations; and,*
- *Formalization of communication channels between the Alliance and the Province to identify and advance shared interests.*

Our Shared Commitment:

The Alliance, each of the modern treaty nations, and the Province will work collaboratively to achieve our shared priorities in a manner that reflects and respects our unique government-to-government relationships.

The Alliance and the Province will report on implementation progress of these shared priorities in the Declaration Act Annual Report and will revisit this framework annually.

The Province and the Alliance will explore governance structures and capacity-building mechanisms to enable the Alliance to advance common interests of modern treaty nations.

The Province and individual modern treaty nations will continue to maintain their unique government-to-government relationships and will work bilaterally on issues specific to those modern treaty nations.

Elected Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr.
Huu-ay-aht First Nations

huu ay aht
ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

Chief Charlie Cootes
Uchucklesaht Tribe

Uchucklesaht

Vice Chief Kevin Jules
Ka:'yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations

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President Eva Clayton
Nisga'a Nation

Nisga'a Lisims Government
Sayt-K'ilim-Goot
one heart, one path, one nation

Hegus John Hackett
Tla'amin Nation

Tla'amin Nation
ɬəʔəmen Nation

President Charles McCarthy
Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government

Yuułu?ił?atḥ

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Tsawwassen First Nation

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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION

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